Buying of arms by Pakistan

42. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 17th February, 1990 under the caption "Pakistan Buying arms in a big way"; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Government has seen the media report.

(b) Government keep a close watch on all developments having a bearing on our national security and take appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness.

Raising the retirement age of Government employees

43. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have raised the age limit for the Civil Service Examination (IAS) upto 31 years;

(b) if so, whether Government also propose to increase the retirement age of Government employees from 58 to 60 years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The upper age limit for the general candidates is 31 years for the Civil Services Exam. 1990. From 1991 it would be 28 years.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Government have accepted the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission that the general age of retirement should continue to be 58 years.

Defence expenditure by Pakistan

44. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan is spending 29.5 per cent of Central Government expenditure (CGE) on defence as compared to 21.5 per cent of Central Government Expenditure spent by India; and

(b) if so the steps Government are taking to strengthen its defence preparedness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) According to the available information, the share of Pakistan's Defence expenditure to Central Government expenditure is well above the figure quoted in the question. Government monitor all developments impinging on the country's security and initiate appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness.

Establishment of electronic manufacturing units in Orissa

45. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some applications have been received from the Government and the entreprenurs of Orissa to establish units manufacturing Electronic items during the last 3 years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken to expedite the finalisation of these applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During the last

three years, 7 Industrial Licences; Letters of Intent and 26 Registrations have been issued for establishing manufacturing units of electronic items in the state of Orissa. Action on the applications is taken as per the guidelines given by the Ministry of Industry.

Construction of defence production units at Saintala in Orissa

46. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction of Defence Production Unit at Saintala in the Bolangir District in Orissa is likely to be completed;

(b) what is the total amount spent so far in this Project;

(c) what is the total number of people employed in the said unit;

(d) whether Government have given priority in the employment to local population in the said project; and

(e) if so the number of local people employed so far therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The Ordnance Factory being set up at Saintala in Bolangir district of Orissa is expected to be completed by June 1993.

(b) It would not be in the public interest to disclose this information.

(c) The total number of people employed so far is 394.

(d) Yes, in accordance with the existing instructions.

(e) 107 persons belonging to the land-displaced category.

Duleep Mathai Committee report on forest conservation vis-a-vis development

47. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Duleep Mathai Committee looking into the issues of forest conservation *vis-a-vis* development, has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of this Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The Committee has not submitted its report so far. However, Shri Duleep Mathai, Chairman of the Committee, has submitted a report on 22.2.1990 which has been endorsed by two other members of the Committee.

विश्वविद्यालयों और महाविद्यालयों में महिलाओं के लिए अध्ययन केन्द्र आदि

48. **श्री शांति त्यागी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग ने देश के कुछ विश्वविद्यालयों और महाविद्यालयों में महिलाओं के लिए विभिन्न अध्ययन केन्द्र, प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र और शोध केन्द्र तथा प्रकोष्ठ स्थापित किए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यह व्यवस्था अपने घोषित उद्देश्यों को प्राप्त करने में कहां तक प्रभावी रही है और क्या यह अगले वर्ष भी जारी रहेगी ?